



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
One Winter Street; Boston, MA 02108

2008 STAR-L Award

Systems Taking Action to Reduce Lead Award

What is it?

The 2008 Drinking Water Week awards program will include an award given out to a community public water system (PWS) in tandem with the schools/school district in their community. This award is called the STAR-L Award (Systems Taking Action to Reduce Lead Award).

Who is eligible for this award?

PWSs and other local entities working together to reduce or eliminate lead in the local schools' and/or child care facilities' drinking water distribution system are eligible. Examples of local entities include: schools (public & private), local school districts, daycares, local boards of health, and local plumbing inspectors. People who are working together to survey schools, test their water, notify/educate the school community, or maintain programs on lead elimination are encouraged to participate. To be eligible for this award an application must be filled out and submitted to MassDEP. A copy of the application is attached to this form and is also available at the MassDEP website at <http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/drinking/awards.htm>. In 2007 Stoughton public schools and public water system won this award and went on to be mentioned nationally by USEPA for their exemplary program. For more information on Stoughton see http://www.epa.gov/safewater/schools/casestudy_stoughtonschools.html.

How do you get nominated?

Anyone can nominate a PWS and a local entity(ies) for this award; you may want to nominate your own PWS or a sister PWS. All it will take is completing the application. The winning PWS and local entity(ies) will both be given an award at the Drinking Water Week Celebration.

What do you need to do?

The STAR-L Award would be for the PWSs and local entity(ies), which have been working together on:

- 1) identifying possible sources of lead in the schools' and/or child cares facilities' plumbing
- 2) completing the MassDEP Checklist
- 3) identifying ways to eliminate lead in the drinking water,
- 4) properly sampling for lead and/or copper,
- 5) selecting the most appropriate methods to eliminate any problem(s), and
- 6) performing outreach to staff and parents on the efforts to address any high lead and/or copper results.

The award will be presented to the PWS and local entity(ies) that can document an on-going partnership; show a significant impact on the number of schools and the number of sampling points within each school tested for lead and/or copper and show how any problems were addressed and eliminated. There will be a panel of judges from several agencies and water organizations that will make the final determination of the winners.

When are applications due?

All applications are due by **March 1, 2008**. Mail to MassDEP, Drinking Water Program; 1 Winter Street; Boston, MA 02108 Attention: STAR-L Award

How will you be notified of the winning entry?

MassDEP will contact winners by telephone and email. Winners will also be invited to attend the DW Day events for the presentation of the award.



MassDEP STAR-L Application / Nomination Form

Date	City/Town	School District
PWS Name (if applicable)		PWS ID #

Applicant:

Name	Phone
Address	
Email	Other contact information
Describe applicant's relationship to school district / child care facility	

Who are you nominating? (Please add additional names and contact information on a separate piece of paper.)

Name of local assistance provider	Phone
Address	
Email	
Name of School District / School / Childcare Facility	Phone
Address	
Email	

Note: For a listing of all schools visit: <http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/>
For a listing of all childcare facilities visit: <http://www.eec.state.ma.us/index.aspx>
You will need this information to complete the application.

For Agency Use



MassDEP STAR-L Application / Nomination Form

		Number	Percent	DWP USE
1	# of <i>public</i> schools in your community (including public-charter)?		n/a	
	# of <i>private</i> schools in your community (including parochial and special ed)?		n/a	
2	# and % of <i>public</i> schools in your community tested for lead?			
	# and % of <i>private</i> schools in your community tested for lead?			
3	# and % of <i>public</i> schools in your community that exceeded the lead action level at one or more outlets within the school?			
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4	# and % of <i>public</i> schools in your community that corrected lead problems?			
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5	# and % of <i>public</i> schools in your community that submitted a Lead Maintenance Checklist to MassDEP?			
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6	Did you prepare and give out written information (for staff and parents) for each school describing how each school will address/eliminate lead in the drinking water and what the school district, in concert with its local partners, planned to do about lead in drinking water? (If yes, provide copy of information)	Yes	No	
7	Did you hold training for interested parties (staff, parents, board members and other elected officials) on how to eliminate lead in the drinking water and what you planned to do about lead in drinking water in the school district? (If yes, provide copy of information.)			
8	Were the teachers, staff, students, and parents involved in your program? (If yes, describe involvement and attach documentation.)			
9	Do you have a written plan to ensure that all schools in your community have a program to eliminate lead and maintain an on-going lead in drinking water reduction program? (If yes, provide a copy of the plan.)			

Special childcare (daycare) facilities section		school-age		group care		family care		DWP Use
10	# of daycare facilities in your community.							
11	# and % of daycare facilities in your community that have tested their drinking water for lead.	#	%	#	%	#	%	
12	# and % of daycare facilities in your community that exceeded the lead action level at one or more outlets within the facility.	#	%	#	%	#	%	

By March 1, 2008 return form to:
MassDEP, Drinking Water Program; 1 Winter Street - 5th Floor; Boston, MA. 02108
Attention STAR-L program